

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

WATERLOO ELEMENTARY

Laurens 55

Grades: PK-6

Enrollment: 373

Principal: Taria D.Stokes

Superintendent: Dr. Billy R. Strickland

Board Chair: Rev. Charlie Short

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

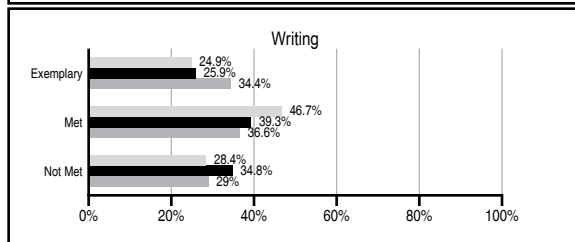
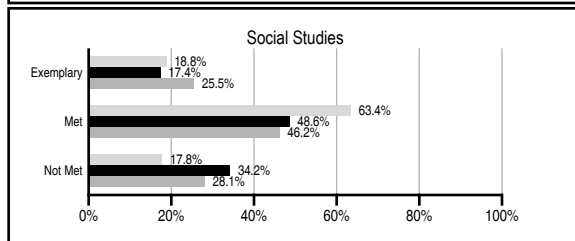
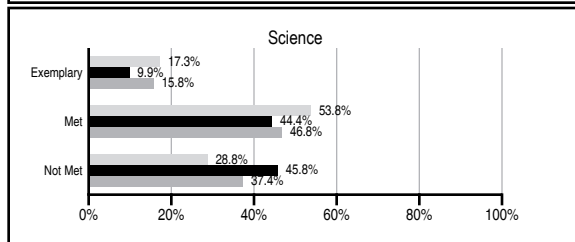
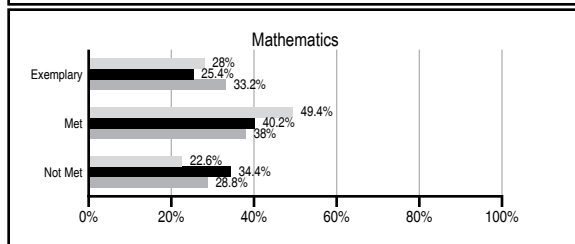
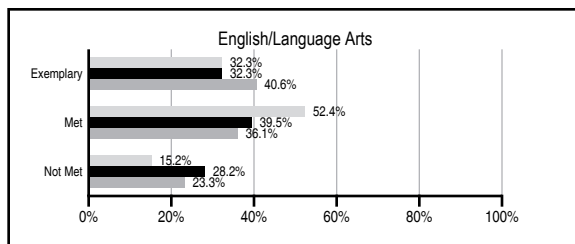
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	10	96	23	4

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

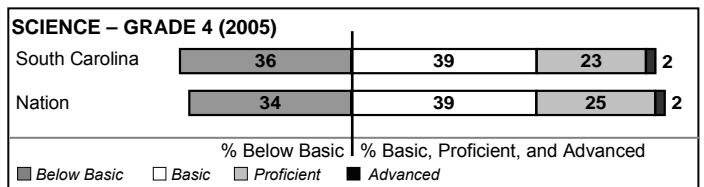
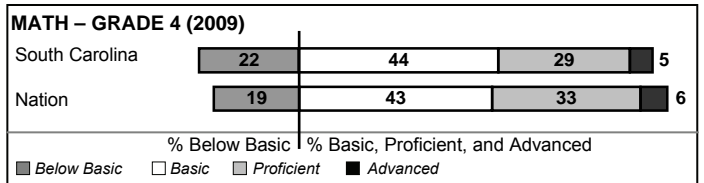
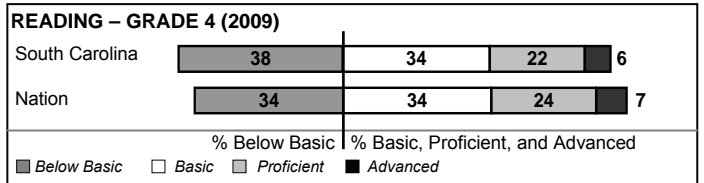
PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=373)				
Retention rate	3.1%	Down from 5.1%	1.7%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.6%	95.7%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	7.5%	Up from 5.8%	7.6%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	6.1%	Down from 7.1%	8.8%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.8%	Up from 1.7%	0.6%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=25)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	28.0%	Down from 30.0%	58.7%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	72.0%	Up from 70.0%	84.0%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	78.6%	Up from 75.5%	86.0%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 96.4%	95.0%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,183	Up 1.4%	\$46,445	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 14.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	7.5 days	Down from 15.9 days	11.1 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.4 to 1	Up from 21.3 to 1	19.1 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Down from 91.4%	90.0%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Fair	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,376	Up 14.0%	\$7,788	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.2%	Down from 62.8%	68.3%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.6%	Down from 59.7%	64.5%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	22	39	18
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.0%	66.7%	66.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.2%	79.5%	66.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.5%	79.5%	66.7%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Waterloo Elementary is a Title I school in Laurens School District 55 that is located approximately seven miles from downtown Laurens. The learning community at Waterloo is committed to providing all students with the education they need to be successful in life.

Student learning is the primary focus at Waterloo. Students are exposed to rich, interesting lessons on a daily basis. Students have the opportunity to participate in the Limos for Learning reading program, Math/Science Night, Literacy Night, Family Fun Night, Fall Festival, spring dances, and archery competitions at the local, state, and national levels. Students are celebrated for their achievements frequently through MAP growth/achievement parties, a PASS pep rally, and our annual Awards Day program. Due to this focus on achievement, Waterloo has had the privilege of receiving a Palmetto Gold Award in 2009-2010 for improvement and a Palmetto Silver Award for closing the gap!

The faculty and staff believe that school is a place for not only student learning, but also adult learning. Teachers engage in collaborative planning sessions weekly with our instructional coach and administrative staff to ensure they are delivering age appropriate, standards-based lessons. In addition, teachers attend numerous after school professional development sessions to enhance their knowledge and skills across subject areas.

Waterloo Elementary is committed to serving the whole child. Therefore, students attend computer, media center, art, music, physical education, and guidance classes. Guidance sessions assist students in dealing with issues such as peer-pressure, divorce, or other emotional issues as well as teaching lessons focusing on honesty, integrity, and responsibility. Our students live in the age of worldwide media. Visiting the media center and computer lab frequently helps them develop skills they will need in the 21st century.

Building a strong home/school connection is essential to the growth of our young learners. Therefore, we invite parents to visit and participate in our school activities. Through the assistance of our PTO and Parent Volunteer Program, Waterloo Elementary has a strong support system that will help our students continue to strive for excellence.

The Waterloo learning community is excited and proud of the strides students have made in academic achievement. The faculty/staff look forward to continuing to provide students with the quality education they need and deserve.

Taria Stokes, Principal
Melody Sarmento, SIC chairperson

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